

We are persuaded that the possessors of real property are considerably alarmed by doubts, which it is the object of the bill in question to explain. We gave it origin, from a conviction that we were bound to quiet these apprehensions, and to prevent a number of ruinous lawsuits. We shall be happy, if upon a candid and serious reconsideration, your sentiments shall coincide with ours. At all events, we shall have discharged our duty in attempting a measure, which, in our opinion, will promote the peace and happiness of our constituents.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

The resolution in favour of Margaret Myers, was read the second time and dissented to, and sent to the house of delegates, with the following message, by the clerk of the senate.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1792.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented to your resolution in favour of Margaret Myers, because we conceive that the propriety of releasing her will depend upon certain facts, concerning which we cannot at present procure the necessary information. We shall have no objection to a resolution suspending all process of execution on the bonds mentioned in your resolution, to the next session of assembly.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the senate, on to-morrow at 12 o'clock, go into the appointment of a senator in the room of George Dent, Esquire; and John Campbell, Esquire, was put in nomination.

The bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act concerning petitions for freedom, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, was read the second time by especial order and passed with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 1st page, 3d line from the bottom, after the word "annually," insert "one third thereof from the owner or owners, and two thirds." In the same line, expunge the words "dwellers and," and insert, after the word "occupiers," the words "or tenants." At the end of the bill add, "Be it enacted, That the justices of the criminal court aforesaid cause to be laid before the town comptrollers a just and true account, under their hands and seals, of all monies in their hands at the passage of this act, and the expenditures of monies collected in virtue of this act, with the vouchers substantiating the said expenditures, for their examination; and the said town comptrollers are hereby directed and enjoined to examine the same, and to affix to the account their approbation or disapprobation, as the case may be; and cause the same to be published."

The bill, entitled, An act to explain and amend an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and for repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, was read the second time by especial order and passed with the following amendment.

Amendment proposed. In the seventh line, after the word "writ," insert as follows, "for taking the acknowledgment of any deed, including all the persons, if more than one acknowledging, each justice one shilling, and no more."

The bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

Which five last mentioned bills were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the bill, entitled, An act to arrange, regulate and discipline, the militia of this state, according to an act of the congress of the United States, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1792.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have considered your amendments to the bill to regulate the militia, and cannot accede to the amendment proposing an addition of the clauses therewith sent, from No. 1 to 9, nor the alterations proposed in the eleventh page, the amendment A. in the first twelfth, the second amendment in the second 12th page, and in page 15. The residue of your amendments we have agreed to.

We hope that the necessity of enacting a militia law will induce your honours to recede from such of your amendments as this house has rejected.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John E. Howard, Esquires, be appointed a committee to prepare a message to the house of delegates, in answer to their message respecting the militia bill.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1792.

RESOLVED, That no execution shall issue on any judgment obtained by the state of Maryland against Margaret Myers, until the end of the next November session.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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